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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant Director for Central Reference

SUBJECT: Requirements for Foreign Publications

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The Office of Basic Intelligence, as a component which edits, reviews and processes intelligence produced by other offices for the NIS, is a secondary user of foreign publications and the answers to the questions raised in your memorandum of 11 December must be considered in that light. The answers itemized below reflect the views of the regional specialists in OBI who do read a considerable volume of foreign publications for background purposes.

- a. Not applicable.
- b. Used extensively for background reading.
- c. While varying in quality and reliability, generally a good source of information subject to identification of political bias of publication.
- d. Again, considerable variation but generally good as to reporting of fact.
- e. Procurement efforts in Latin America appear to fall short of other world areas and may be considered inadequate.
- f. Not applicable.
- g. All foreign publications received in Regional Division can be used in their original form.
- h. Abstracts and extracts useful for more voluminous publication.
- i. Not applicable.
- j. No.
- k. Not applicable.

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